

## NEW AMENDMENT LEGALIZING BONUS IS LEGION'S PLAN

But Court Decision Bars Payments for at Least Three Years.

JUDGES DIVIDE, 5 TO 2.

Opinion Says Aid for Wounded by State Is Not Prevented.

Officials of the American Legion and others interested in the Soldiers' Bonus declare to-day that plans will be got under way to amend the Constitution so as to permit the payment of a bonus, the Court of Appeals having declared the \$45,000,000 Bonus law, passed last winter after receiving an 800,000 majority in a State referendum, unconstitutional. An amendment to the Constitution requires passage by two succeeding Legislatures and approval at the polls—a matter of two years at least. Legislation to put a bonus law into effect after the Constitutional bars are removed would mean another year's delay. The legion officials hope, however, some way may be found for the payment of bonuses from some other fund, so as to hasten the relief demanded by the former men of the service.

Charles G. Blakeslee, State Comptroller of the American Legion, who is also a Public Service Commissioner, to-day asserted that the American Legion is disappointed over the action of the Court of Appeals.

"Many of the service men who were led to believe they would be benefited under this law are in actual and present need," he said. "Economic conditions have thrown thousands of service men out of employment. The need for the monetary benefits conferred by this law was never so great as now. Many thought that the courts would be able to treat this as a matter of public policy and as emergency legislation. Without any criticism of the legal reasoning involved in the decision, the American Legion will stand united on the fairness of the underlying idea of this bonus legislation, and in taking that stand it is confident that it has the united support of the people of the State."

The decision against the present Bonus law was signed by five of the seven Judges of the Court of Appeals. Judge William S. Andrews wrote the prevailing opinion.

Reviewing the history of the constitutional prohibition against giving or loaning the State's credit to any individual, the opinion of Judge Andrews sets forth that this clause represents "the triumph of efforts to prevent improvidence, to make useless the presence of special interests, to safeguard the credit of the State and the interests of the people as a whole."

Judge Andrews paid particular attention to the claims of wounded soldiers.

"The logic of this opinion," he said, "is not that the Legislature is unable to aid the wounded. We cannot too clearly emphasize at the outset of our discussion that this is not an act to restore to health and usefulness those who became disabled in the performance of their duty. To do this is a sacred trust. Every human impulse prompts us to its full accomplishment. Neglect here spells disgrace."

"Yet by this act help for the wounded is at least postponed. For them as a class nothing is done. Whatever right the State may have to use its moneys in making these the subject of its first and devoted consideration, this right finds no expression in the present statute."

### SAILOR PARK HOLDUP MEN GET MAXIMUM TERMS.

Year and Three Months for Man Who Stole Auto.

Two sailors who held up couples at the point of a revolver in Central Park were sentenced to the maximum term in Sing Sing by Judge Mulqueen in General Sessions to-day. Louis Bickhafer, nineteen, electrician, and Meyer Simon, twenty-two, pier on the U. S. S. Harney, will have from seven years and six months to fifteen years in prison. Both pleaded guilty.

Judge Mulqueen also sentenced Charles Devaney, twenty-four, of No. 219 West 27th Street, to one year and three months for stealing an automobile owned by Thomas Klepstein of No. 115 West 30th Street.

### Rainstorm Mourns Thousands in Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 1.—The hottest Aug. 31 in the history of the local Weather Bureau, Atlantic City was visited last evening by a tropical rain. Palling in sheets the water short circuited the electric railway system, mauling thousands on their way home.

### WON'T TRY TO PREVENT WILSON-DOWNEY FIGHT

Reform Bureau Knows It Would Fail So Will Not Make Attempt.

Herbert Clark Gilson, counsel for the International Reform Bureau in Jersey City, announced to-day that the bureau would make no attempt to interfere with the Downey-Wilson fight on Labor Day. He said the bureau had exhausted every means it had to stop the Carpenter-Dempsey fight, had no hope of stopping the one on Labor Day and so would not try.

He said the bureau would not lobby at Trenton this year for the repeal of the boxing law, but would work for modifications, and that it was not opposed to boxing. He said the New York law as it exists is close to the bureau's idea of a boxing law. The principal changes wanted are lower admission prices and smaller sums paid to boxers. Mr. Gilson said the price limit to commercialize boxing. The bureau also desires that it be made mandatory upon the referee to stop a boxing match when it becomes a fight.

### POLICEMAN HAD TO USE TAXIS ON DUTY CALLS

Couldn't Live in Yonkers and Be New York Patrolman.

Irwin L. Young, a patrolman attached to the West 154th Street Station, Manhattan, is being sued in White Plains for separation by Florence E. Young, who lives at No. 43 Linden Street, Yonkers. She asked for \$75 counsel fees and \$10 a week alimony.

She alleged that her husband took a room in Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan, to comply with police regulations that he maintain a residence in New York City, but that he was away from the Yonkers home once for twelve days.

Young's affidavit states that he moved to Amsterdam Avenue as it was necessary for him to live within the city limits. He asked his wife to live in his new home, he said, but she refused. He tried commuting, he said, but owing to calls to duty he had to use taxicabs frequently.

### TWO BOYS WITH PISTOLS SAY THEY'RE BURGLARS

Made a Specialty of Looting Confectionery Stores.

When Detectives O'Neil and King of the Jersey City Headquarters staff, saw Johnnie Tiedman, thirteen, and Jimmie McNally, fifteen, looking very mysterious and important this morning shortly after daylight at Grove and Fourth Street they started to question them. Johnnie made a move with his hand to his hip pocket and one of the detectives grabbed his hand.

Johnnie had a 32-calibre automatic and a blackjack. Jimmie was similarly armed. They were taken to the Seventh Street Station and the police say, admitted doing regular burglaries for the past four months. Confectionery stores were their specialty. The boys live at No. 322 Seventh Street and No. 209 Fifth Street. They are charged with juvenile delinquency.

### STUDENT HELD AS SLAYER IS ADMITTED TO BAIL.

Charge Based on Masque Ball Fight Changed to Manslaughter.

ASHBURY PARK, N. J., Sept. 1.—Salvatore Laborde, a student of the College of Engineering, Cornell University, alleged to have killed Cecil A. Arthur of New York at a masquerade ball in Allentown, N. J., was admitted to bail at 2 A. M. to-day by Judge H. V. Lawrence in Freehold.

Bail of \$5,000 was put up by John Roach, Mayor of Cranford, N. J. Laborde went to Deal, N. J., where he is stopping at No. 17 Lakeview Road.

Laborde was first charged with homicide, but County Prosecutor Charles R. Sexton, after an investigation, changed the charge to manslaughter.

### ARMY OFFICER CONVICTED IN \$30,000 THEFT CASE.

Accused of Falsifying Vouchers—Is Sentenced to Eight Years.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Sept. 1.—Lieut. Harold L. Turner, U. S. A., was to-day convicted of falsifying vouchers and misappropriating moneys received from the sale of salvaged property while quartermaster at Fort Ontario and sentenced to eight years in a Government prison to be designated. It is alleged there was about \$30,000 stolen.

Turner is twenty-four years old, is a graduate of the military school at Leavenworth, Kan., and his home was in Jefferson County, near Des Moines, Ia.

### SPENDER SOVIET ACCUSED INDICTED ON FOUR COUNTS.

Clibario Is Charged With Theft of \$100,000.

Jacques Roberto Clibario, the young Italian accused by the Soviet Government of Russia of embezzling \$1,000,000 of its funds, was indicted to-day on four counts charging grand larceny in the first degree. The total represented by the four indictments returned to Judge Nott is \$100,000.

Clibario's bail of \$10,000 will be continued. He cut a wide swath along

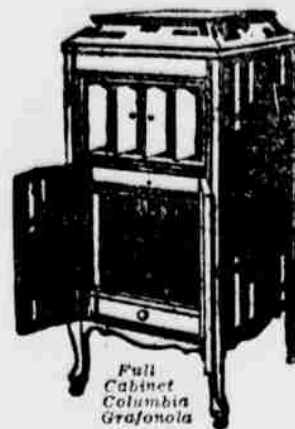
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